

REMARKS

In response to the Official Action of April 30, 2007, claims 1, 17, 23 and 25 have been amended in a manner which is believed to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention in view of the cited art. Reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully submitted in view of the arguments presented below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

Referring to paragraph 4 of the Official Action, claims 1-6, 8-16, 23 and 24 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over US patent 6,825,830, Kaneska, et al (hereinafter Kaneska), further in view of US patent application publication 2002/0095538, Marshall.

With respect to claim 1, it is asserted by the Office that Kaneska teaches a personal telecommunication device with the features recited in claim 1 except that Kaneska fails to teach that the amulet comprises a microphone and speaker for setting up an audio interface between the personal telecommunication device and a human user. It is asserted that Marshall teaches such a feature and that it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Marshall into the teaching of Kaneska in order to record and retrieve information in the memory, as well as communicating via voice recognition with other devices as suggested by Marshall.

Claim 1 has been amended to specifically point out and claim that the amulet not only comprises a hanging arrangement for allowing the amulet to be worn on the torso of a human user with the amulet having a display, but also that the display of the amulet is directed away from said user to allow said human user to self-express himself/herself via said display of said amulet. Support for this amendment is found in the application as originally filed, including page 11, lines 19-22 wherein it states:

“...the display should be available...also as self-expression means so that a person passing by or otherwise looking at the user could easily see the text or image that appears on the display.”

Thus, it is clear that the application supports the display of the amulet being directed away from the human user to allow said human user to self-express himself/herself via said display of the amulet.

It is respectfully submitted that neither Kaneska nor Marshall anticipate an amulet which is provided with a display which is used for allowing a human user of that amulet to self-express himself/herself via the display of the amulet. In particular, Marshall discloses at paragraph [0054]:

“As shown in FIG. 8, module 200 optionally carries additional functions to permit module 200 to operate more independently than module 10. For example, as shown in FIG. 8, module 200 of the present invention includes memory 202 and communication interface 204 and carries substantially the same attributes and features of module 10. However, module 200 optionally further includes one or more of the following components. Module 200 optionally includes microphone 206, speaker 208, display 210, and keypad 212. Microphone 206 and speaker 208 permits recording and retrieving information in memory 202 as well as communicating via voice recognition with other devices used in association with module 200. Likewise, display 210 permits limited visual identification of operation of module 200 including memory 202 and communication interface 204 as well as the status of communication with other devices used in association with module 200.” (emphasis added)

Therefore, Marshall permits some form of limited visual identification of operation whereas the present invention provides self-expression of the user by directing the display away from the user. There is no suggestion in Marshall of using display 210 for other than visual identification of operation of module 200 and certainly no suggestion

that it is to be worn on the torso of a user so that the display is directed away from said human user to allow said human user to self-express himself/herself via said display of said amulet.

In Kaneska, the second information processing device 101 has a second display for displaying information to the user itself which has lower priority than the display 110 of the first information processing device 100 (see Figure 1). For example, the second display 120 may display such things as battery level, phone book information, etc. that can be shown without the user having to switch between different display modes on the mobile device 100. The second display is therefore for aiding the user of the mobile device and, in particular, to help the user to view more information than available from display 110 on the mobile device. There is no disclosure or suggestion that the second information processing device and its associated display is arranged so that the display is directed away from said human user to allow said human user to self-express himself/herself via said display.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the combination of Marshall and Kaneska does not suggest the present invention as set forth in amended claim 1. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claim 1, as amended, is distinguished over the cited art.

Similar amendment has been made to independent amulet part claim 17, independent personal communication device claim 23 and independent amulet part claim 25 and it is therefore respectfully submitted that each of these claims is also distinguished over Marshall in view of Kaneska thereby overcoming the rejection of these claims as set forth at paragraph 5 of the Official Action.

Since each of the independent claims of the present application is believed to be distinguished over the cited art, it is respectfully submitted that the remaining claims, all of which ultimately depend from one of these independent claims, is further distinguished over the cited art.

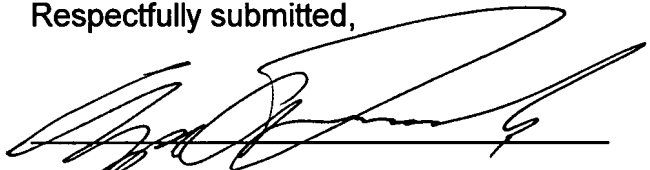
It is therefore respectfully submitted that the present application as amended is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

The undersigned respectfully submits that no fee is due for filing this Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to deposit account 23-0442 any fee deficiency required to submit this paper.

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